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FM AMEMBASSY KUWAIT  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7442  
SECDEF WASHDC//ISA(SA)DSA//  
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CDR DARCOM ALEX VA//DRSIL-WM/ME//  
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C O N F I D E N T I A L KUWAIT 1237

FROM USLOK

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, KU  
SUBJECT: M109, 155MM SP ARTILLERY

REF: (A) STATE 63992 (DTG 162359Z MAR 76) (NOTAL);  
(B) DA 301735Z SEP 76 (NOTAL)  
(C) MFR, DTD 26OCT76, DAOCSLOG/ODCSOPS; SUBJ:  
INTRO OF ARTY EQUIP INTO KUWAIT (NOTAL)

1. BACKGROUND: REFTEL (A) STATED THAT STATE WAS PREPARED  
TO GIVE FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION TO KUWAITI REQUEST FOR TWO  
BATTALIONS 155 MM SP ARTY. REFTEL (A) ALSO STATED THAT  
EMBASSY COULD INFORM GOK OF USG APPROVAL IN PRINCIPLE OF  
THIS SALE. REFTEL (B) PROVIDED ITINERARY AND ACTIONS FOR  
KUWAITI ARTILLERY COMMITTEE SELF-INVITED VISIT (OCT. 1976)  
TO CONUS TO HELP DEVELOP PRELIMINARY LETTER OF OFFER. REF  
(C) (GENERATED AS A RESULT OF REFTEL (B) ) PROVIDED OUTLINE  
PLAN SUMMARIZING OBJECTIVES, REQUIREMENTS AND MILESTONES  
ASSOCIATED WITH ESTABLISHMENT, PLACEMENT AND OPERATION OF  
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TWO M109A2 BATTALIONS AND A DIVISION ARTY HQ IN KUWAIT.  
COPY OF REF (C) WAS PROVIDED TO KUWAITI ARTILLERY COMMITTEE  
PRIOR TO ITS RETURN TO KUWAIT.

2. EMBASSY HAS RECENTLY RECEIVED LETTER (CLASSIFIED SECRET  
BY MOD) SIGNED BY GOK MINDEF CONCERNING PURCHASE OF 155MM  
SP HOWITZERS. SUBSTANTIAL PORTIONS OF LETTER HAVE BEEN

TRANSLATED AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: "WITH REFERENCE TO THE VISIT BY THE KUWAITI ARTILLERY TEAM TO THE UNITED STATES DURING SEPTEMBER 1976, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE INITIAL OFFER DELIVERED TO THE SAID TEAM, PLEASE INFORM THE US DEFENSE DEPT OF THE FOLLOWING:

"1. NECESSITY TO EXTEND VALIDITY OF THE INTIAL OFFER UNTIL 30JHFIRAMENTD OF DELIVERY DATES SO THAT DELIVERY OF FIRST INTVOGRATED BATTERY WILL BE ON 01JUN79;

"3. APPROVAL TO SUPPLY US WITH THE UNDERMENTIONED AMMUNITION IN ADDITION TO THE AMMUNITION AGREED UPON WITH THE AMERICAN SIDE;

"A. ICM M449 AMMUNITION NOS 5400

"B. ICM M483 AMMUNITION NOS 5400

"4. APPROVAL TO SUPPLY US WITH 45 SETS OF (V2) TYPE LASER AN/G VS-5. PLEASE ASK THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES CONCERNED TO CONFIRM THEIR APPROVAL OF THE ABOVE ITEMS TO ENABLE US TO TAKE THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PUT THE OFFER IN ITS FINAL FORM. END QUOTE

3. AMMO AND EQUIPMENT INDICATED IN ITEMS 3 AND 4 OF MIN-DEF'S LETTER WERE DISCUSSED DURING ARTILLERY COMMITTEE'S VISIT TO CONUS. KUWAITI REPS WERE TOLD THESE ITEMS WERE NOT AVAILABLE FOR FMS SALE.

4. REQUEST JOINT STATE/DOD COMMENTS ON MINDEF'S LETTER (PARA 2, ABOVE) WHICH CAN BE USED AS A BASIS OF EMBASSY'S REPLY TO MINDEF.

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